



2018 AFRICAN SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: 5th to 13th December 2018

Venue: Bela Bela Lodge, Waterberg

Limpopo, South Africa

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The Championships will be held at the Bela Bela Lodge which is situated in the tourist district of Waterberg in the Limpopo Province of South Africa, from **December 5, 2018** (arrival) to **December 13, 2018** (departure).

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Age Groups

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the following age groups are invited:

- Under 7 – players born on or after January 1, 2011
- Under 9 – players born on or after January 1, 2009
- Under 11 – players born on or after January 1, 2007
- Under 13 – players born on or after January 1, 2005
- Under 15 – players born on or after January 1, 2003
- Under 17 – players born on or after January 1, 2001

2.2 Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the African Schools Individual Chess Championships are open to all players from Federations within the African Continent which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

2.3 Official Players

Each African Federation is entitled to register one official player in each category, totalling a maximum of 12 official players.

2.4 Additional Players

Each African Federation will be allowed to enter up to four additional players in each category. These additional players will be responsible for payment of their board and lodging in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and FIDE/ACC Fees.

Subject to agreement with the organisers, the Continental President may allow further additional players; subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as other prescribed fees such as Registration Fees and FIDE/ACC Fees.

3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 The registration forms must be completed for all players, accompanying persons and the Head of the Delegation.
- 3.2 The registration forms must be filled and returned to the Organising Committee by each Federation no later than **November 25, 2018**. A copy of passport and an ID photo (in JPG/JPEG format) must also be sent to the organizers by the indicated date.
- 3.3 Duly completed registration forms must be e-mailed to the Acting General Secretary of Chess South Africa on e-mail lahjum@gmail.com or secretary@chessa.co.za with a copy to the Acting President on e-mail mjmahomole@gmail.com or president@chessa.co.za
- 3.4 A FIDE/ACC Entry Fee of **70 Euro** is required to be paid for each official player and **140 Euro** for each additional player.
- 3.5 A Registration Fee of **100 Euro** each must be paid by all players (official and additional), every accompanying person and all other members of delegations including the Head of the Delegation.
- 3.6 The Registration Fee includes provision for an Accreditation Badge and transportation from/to the airport from/to the official hotel on the official arrival date of **December 5, 2018** as well as on the official departure date of **December 13, 2018**.
- 3.7 Late entries after **November 25, 2018** will be subject to availability of space and at the discretion of the organizers. If accepted by the organizers, late entrants will have to pay a penalty fee of **50 Euro** per person.
- 3.8 Federations of the respective participants must arrange for the funds to be sent to the account of Chess South Africa.
- 3.9 Players will not be paired until all payments have been settled.
- 3.10 All travel expenses to Limpopo, South Africa will be for the account of the participants or their Federations.
- 3.11 Players may not be paired if they do not arrive at the official venue before the scheduled start of the Technical Meeting.

4. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

- 4.1 The accommodation and playing venue will be at the Bela Bela Lodge in Limpopo, South Africa.
- 4.2 The Championships will be played in the Conference Hall of Bela Bela Lodge.
- 4.3 Board and Lodging will be provided by the Organising Committee at Bela Bela Lodge.
- 4.4 All participants and all accompanying persons are obliged to lodge at the official accommodation venue. Bookings for the official accommodation for the event must be done through the Organising Committee.
- 4.5 All official players (one player per Federation in each category) are entitled to free full board and lodging for **8 nights**; checking in after 14.00 hrs on **December 5, 2018** and checking out before 12.00 hrs on **December 13, 2018** at the official hotel in shared twin rooms.
- 4.6 All officials, accompanying persons and additional players from participating federations will lodge at **48 Euro** per person per day shared (in a twin room) or **67 Euro** per person per day (single occupancy in a double room). These rates include full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner). The first meal provided by the organisers will be dinner on the evening of **December 5, 2018** whilst the last meal will be breakfast on the morning of **December 13, 2018**. Any additional meals will be charged separately.
- 4.7 All payments related to board and lodging must be paid before the **November 21, 2018**, which will be the deadline.
- 4.8 Scanned copies of documents confirming bank transfer of funds should be e-mailed to the Acting General Secretary of Chess South Africa on e-mail lahjum@gmail.com or secretary@chessa.co.za with a copy to the Acting President on e-mail mjmahomole@gmail.com or president@chessa.co.za
- 4.9 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before **December 5, 2018** or depart after **December 13, 2018** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation or pay for the additional days.

5. TOURNAMENT AND ACCOMMODATION VENUE ADDRESS

Further note that the physical address of the venue where the participants will be accommodated as well as where games will be played is:

Bela Bela Lodge
Bela Bela
Waterberg District
Limpopo Province
South Africa

6. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

All payments should be remitted to the bank account of the Chess South Africa, which is indicated here below:

Account Name: **CHESS SOUTH AFRICA**
Bank: **First National Bank (FNB)**
Branch: **Parow**
Account Number: **62255808366**
SWIFT Code: **FIRNZAJJ**
Physical Address : **Shop 125, SANLAM Centre, Parow, 7500**
Location : **Parow, Cape Metropole, Western Cape, SOUTH AFRICA**

7. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

7.1 Format and Time Control

It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament. The time control will be 90 minutes for the game for each player, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1).

The games will be played using standard tournament chess sets and DGT clocks; and pairing will be published on www.chess-results.com.

Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round.

Should the number of participants in any section be 10 players or less (Minimum 8 Players), the affected section will be adjusted to a Round Robin tournament.

If need be, some age groups could be merged if there are very few participants.

7.2 Tie Break

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- (a) By the results between the players involved in the tie;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins; and
- (d) The highest rating.

In case of a Round Robin, the tie break will be broken as follows:

- (a) by the result of the players involved in the tie;
- (b) then the Sonneborn-Berger;
- (c) highest number of wins

8. AWARDS

8.1 Medals

The players taking the first three places in each age group category will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

8.2 Qualification

The winners of each age group category (both Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate in the 2019 World Schools Individual Chess Championships.

8.3 Titles

In the Under-13, Under-15 & Under-17 categories, players finishing first (after tiebreak) shall be awarded the **FM/WFM** title.

The Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak) winners shall be awarded the **CM/WCM** title.

In the Under-07, Under-09 & Under-11 categories, players finishing first equal up to 3 players or Silver & Bronze Medal (after tiebreak) winners shall be awarded the **CM/WCM** title.

The order of the players in the ranking is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or other places, then a tie break will come into effect.

Certificates of Participation shall also be awarded to players, FIDE accredited trainers, Managers, and the appointed Technical officials.

9. CHIEF ARBITER

The Chief Arbiter for the 2018 African Schools Individual Chess Championships will be nominated by the ACC President. The Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters will be appointed in consultation with the Organising Committee.

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for the 2018 African Schools Individual Chess Championships will be nominated by the ACC President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members.

The other two members and two reserves will be chosen from among officials from the participating Federations.

Protests should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two hours (2 hours) after the end of the round, with a **100 Euro** deposit.

If the appeal is successful, the deposit will be refunded.

11. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as follows but subject to some changes if need be. However, any change to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

Table 1: Schedule

Dates	Time	Activities
Wednesday, December 5, 2018	From 10h00	Official arrival
	18h00 – 19h00	Opening Ceremony
Thursday, December 6, 2018	11h30 – 12h30	Technical Meeting
	15h00 – 19h00	Round 1
Friday, December 7, 2018	10h00 – 14h00	Round 2
	17h00 – 21h00	Round 3
Saturday, December 8, 2018	10h00 – 14h00	Round 4
	17h00 – 21h00	Round 5
Sunday, December 9, 2018	Free day	
Monday, December 10, 2018	15h00 – 19h00	Round 6
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	10h00 – 14h00	Round 7
	17h00-21h00	Round 8
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	10h00 – 14h00	Round 9
	17h00 – 19h00	Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony
Thursday, December 13, 2018	From 10h00	Official departure

12. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All traveling arrangements and cost to and from Johannesburg's **O.R. Tambo International Airport** or Pretoria's **Inter-City Bus Terminus** are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament.

Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at **O.R. Tambo International Airport** and the **Inter-City Bus Terminus** provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance; not later than **November 29, 2018**.

13. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into South Africa, these can be obtained from the South African Embassies or Consulate Offices in the respective countries. The Organising Committee will supply an official invitation to delegations that require it in order to facilitate applications for those coming from countries that need special invitations.

Should there be any problems in obtaining entry visas; the intending traveller should urgently contact the host federation for assistance, either by phone or e-mail, in this regard.

It is advisable that travellers carry the invitation letter and visa documents during travelling.

14. ORGANISING COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

- i. **Chairman:** Joe Mahomole
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- ii. **Tournament Secretary:** Wesley Masoga
Mobile: +27823900055
E-mail: pwmasoga@yahoo.com
- iii. **Treasurer:** Engelman
Mobile: +27787125866
E-mail: actingtreasurer.chess.sa@gmail.com

15. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

We look forward to welcoming the future stars of African chess and their guardians to our wonderful country.

Yours in Chess
CHESS SOUTH AFRICA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Mahomole', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joe Mahomole
ACTING PRESIDENT

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PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM - OPEN SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	DATE OF ISSUE	DATE OF EXPIRY	PLACE OF BIRTH	FIDE ID NUMBER	TITLE

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PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM - GIRLS SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

FAX:

E-MAIL:

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OFFICIALS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS REGISTRATION FORM

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

FAX:

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